

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A single, disposable apparatus for collecting, disposing, and measuring liquids, comprising:

a bed pan vessel including side walls, a bottom wall, a seating surface, an inner surface, wherein said vessel is made of materials selected from the group consisting of plastic, polyurethane, metal, glass, and polymers; and

absorption means fixedly attached to and disposed on all of said inner surface of said vessel for absorbing and collecting liquids within said vessel, wherein said vessel and said absorption means form a disposable single-unit apparatus and said side walls space a user from said absorption means and any contents within said vessel when the user fully sits upon said seating surface.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 2 1, wherein said vessel is further defined as an oval-shaped receptacle.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said absorption means is made of material that absorbs, collects, and retains liquids including urine, water, liquid fecal matter, and body fluids.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said absorption means is made of material selected from the group consisting essentially of artificial and natural fibers, paper materials, and sponge materials.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said absorption means further includes super-absorbing means centrally located on said inner surface of said vessel for absorbing, collecting, and retaining liquids including urine, water, liquid fecal material, body fluids, and vomit.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said super-absorbing means is made of material selected from the group consisting essentially of gel, solid crystals, and powder.

9. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1 including attaching means for attaching said layer to said vessel.

10. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said attaching means is selected from the group consisting essentially of Velcro, snaps, buttons, string, tape, glue, adhesive, elastic, and fasteners.

Claims 11-17 (canceled).

18. (Currently Amended) A method of using an apparatus for collecting liquids comprising the steps of:

positioning the apparatus including a vessel having side walls, a bottom wall, a seating surface, an inner surface, and absorption means disposed on the inner surface of the vessel for absorbing liquids within the vessel, wherein the vessel is made of materials selected from the group consisting essentially of plastic, polyurethane, metal, glass, and polymers and the side walls space a user from the absorption means and any contents within the vessel when the user fully sits upon said seating surface; and

collecting liquid and solid waste while isolating liquid waste from the solid waste in the vessel.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein said collecting step further includes collecting only liquid waste and disposing the solid waste thereof.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 18 including the further step of determining urine output.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A disposable, single-unit bed pan vessel including side walls, a bottom wall, a seating surface, and an inner chamber, wherein said vessel is made of materials selected from the group consisting of plastic, polyurethane, metal, glass, and polymers and said side walls space a user from any contents from within said vessel when the user fully sits upon said seating surface; and absorption means fixedly secured and disposed entirely within said inner chamber for absorbing liquids .